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SUBJECT The Resignation of Admiral Inman

DAN RATHER: A surprise and a mystery tonight in Washington. Admiral Bobby Inman has suddenly and unexpectedly resigned as Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. He also is retiring from the Navy. Inman is only 51 years old. He is widely regarded as the best intelligence manager in the country. He is generally thought to have been running the CIA on an hour-by-hour basis, as second man down to the 69-year-old CIA Director, William Casey.

The White House says Inman is leaving because he wants to go into private business. Details unspecified. Inman's letter of resignation mentions only family reasons for wanting to leave.

Why he suddenly chose this particular time to leave is, for the moment, at least, a mystery. CBS News was told tonight by a source with extensive contacts inside the CIA that Inman resigned because of personal difficulties with Director Casey. There is no official confirmation of this.

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